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In re the Application of: **Tomonari YAMAMOTO et al.**

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THEREOF**

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 3, 2004, Applicants amend the claims as follows and submit the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.